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Farmington
Resource Management Plan

RMP Implementation Summary

Rangeland Program Summary

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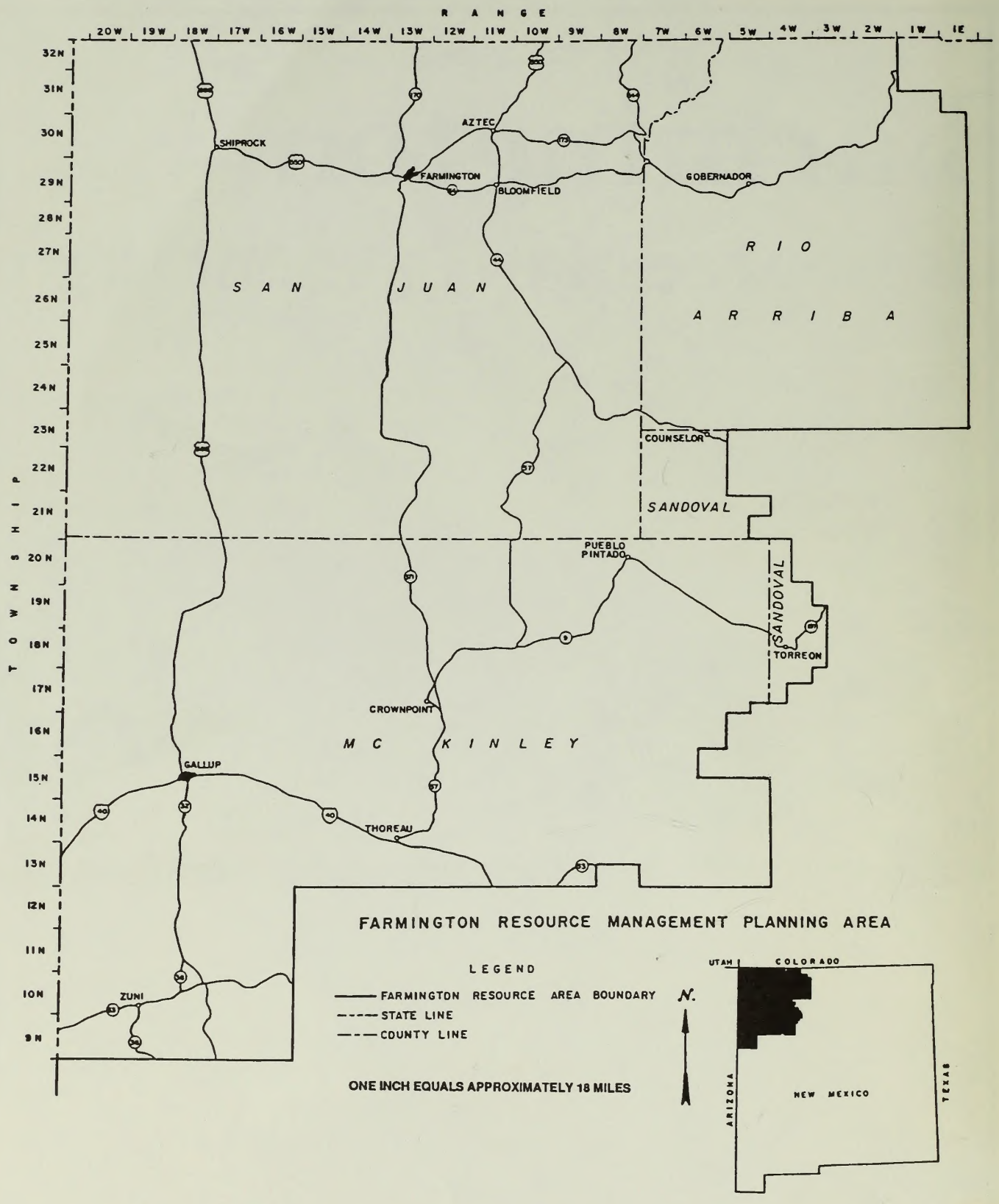
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Dear Reader:

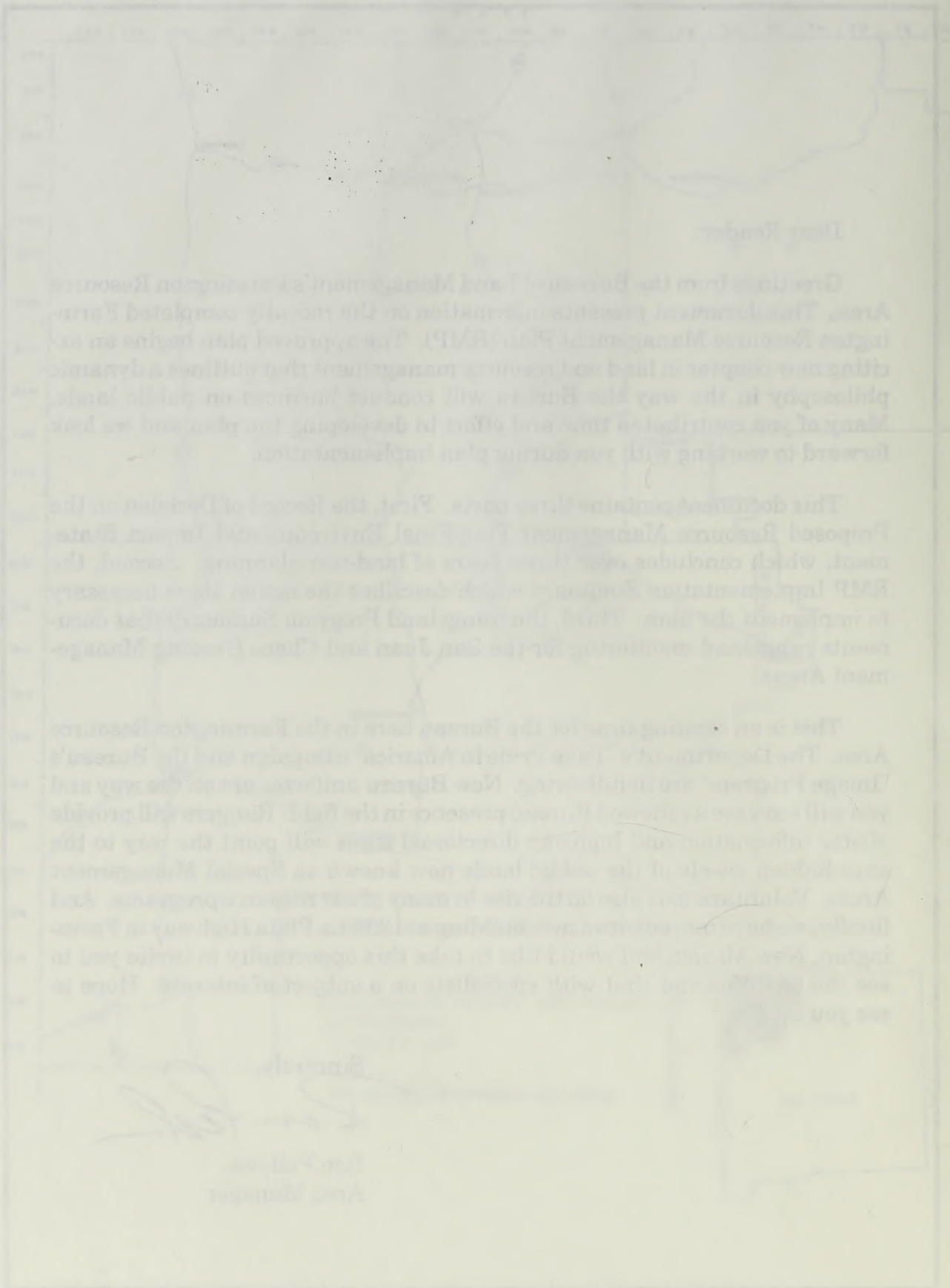
Greetings from the Bureau of Land Management's Farmington Resource Area. This document presents information on the recently completed Farmington Resource Management Plan (RMP). The approved plan begins an exciting new chapter in land and resource management that outlines a dynamic philosophy in the way the Bureau will conduct business on public lands. Many of you contributed time and effort in developing the plan and we look forward to working with you during plan implementation.

This document contains three parts. First, the Record of Decision on the Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement, which concludes over three years of land-use planning. Second, the RMP Implementation Summary which describes the action steps necessary to implement the plan. Third, the Rangeland Program Summary that documents rangeland monitoring for the San Juan and Chaco Grazing Management Areas.

This is an exciting time for the Bureau here in the Farmington Resource Area. The Department's "Take Pride in America" campaign and the Bureau's "Image Program" are in full swing. New Bureau uniforms are on the way and you will soon see a renewed Bureau presence in the field. Rangers will provide visitor information and highway directional signs will point the way to the once hidden jewels of the public lands now known as Special Management Areas. Voluntarism is also on the rise in many of our resource programs. And finally, we have moved into a new building at 1235 La Plata Highway in Farmington, New Mexico and would like to take this opportunity to invite you to see the facilities and chat with specialists on a subject of interest. Hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

Ron Fellows
Area Manager



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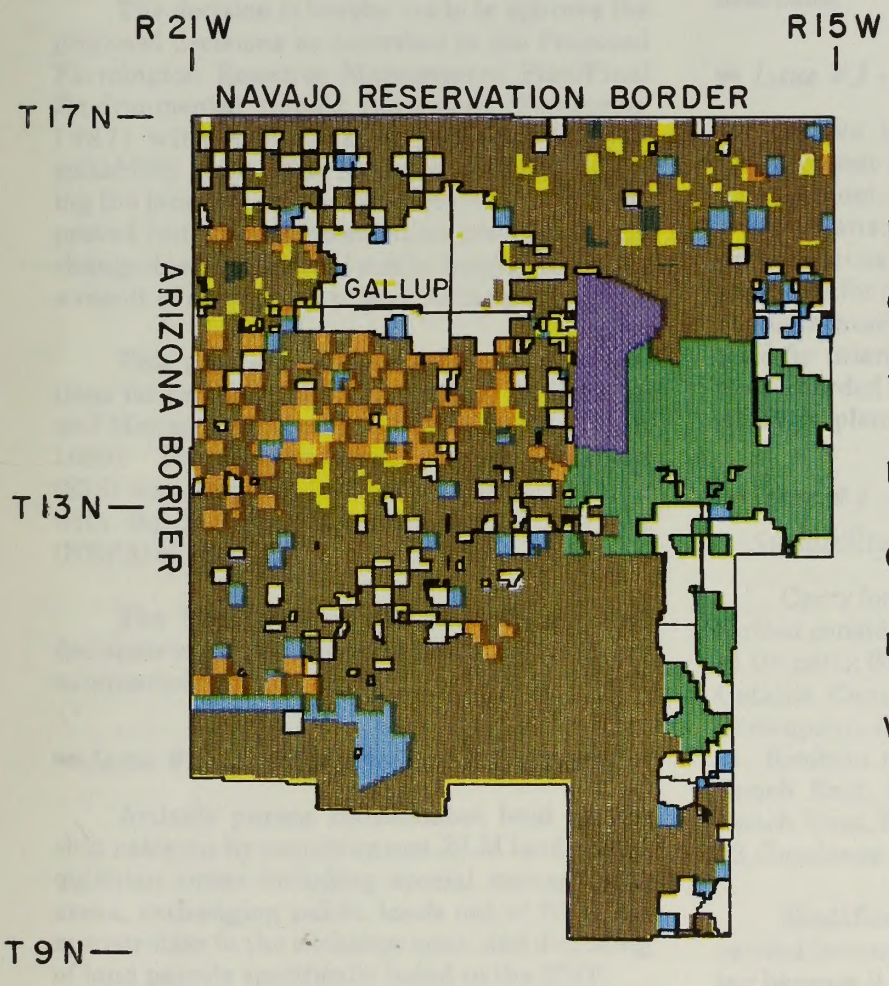

LEGEND

BROWN - INDIAN
(484,554 acres)
ORANGE - WITHDRAWN
(60,640 acres)
YELLOW - BLM
(24,090 acres)
BLUE - STATE
(40,950 acres)
GREEN - FOREST SERVICE
(86,829 acres)
PURPLE - MILITARY
(22,187 acres)
WHITE - PRIVATE
(153,736 acres)

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Introduction

This document records the decisions of the Bureau of Land Management for administration of approximately 3.0 million acres of federal subsurface estate and 1.5 million surface acres of public land in the Farmington Resource Area.

The Resource Area encompasses BLM-administered public lands in San Juan County, most of McKinley County, western Rio Arriba County, and northwestern Sandoval County, New Mexico, as shown on the planning area map, inside front cover.

Decision

The decision is hereby made to approve the proposed decisions as described in the Proposed Farmington Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (September 1987) with exception of the coal leasing suitability issue. The proposed decision involving the land ownership adjustment issue was approved but the implementation procedures will change due to additional public input gathered as a result of resolving a protest to the plan.

This plan was prepared under the regulations for implementing the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (43 CFR 1600). The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared for this plan in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

The final Bureau of Land Management decisions to resolve the seven planning issues are summarized below:

➥ *Issue #1 - Land Ownership Adjustments*

Actively pursue consolidated land ownership patterns by acquiring non-BLM lands in acquisition zones including special management areas, exchanging public lands out of BLM administration in the exchange zone, and disposing of land parcels specifically listed in the RMP.

Implementation Procedure: All proposals initiated for exchange of public lands after the approval date of this Record of Decision in the Gallup area (T. 13-17 N., R. 15-21 W. as displayed on the color map, opposite page) will only be finalized after jurisdictional issues on each land exchange are adequately addressed and public meetings are held. In addition a Notice of Realty Action will be published in the Federal Register and a notice of the special public meeting printed in the local Gallup newspaper.

➥ *Issue #2 - Home Use Fuel Sources*

Allow greenwood cutting in order to salvage trees scheduled for clearing in areas proposed for surface mining and land improvement projects. Allow collection of dead and down fuelwood Resource Area-wide except in Special Management Areas prohibiting this activity. Examine domestic-use license applications on a case-by-case basis.

➥ *Issue #3 - Special Management Areas*

Strive to achieve the land allocation management goal stated for each SMA and the management objectives identified in future activity plans. Implement the management prescriptions for each SMA. Assess future proposals for SMA designation based on existing representation in the SMA spectrum and the need for intensive management attention above that afforded by normal operations. Complete ACEC implementation plans by FY 90.

➥ *Issue #4 - Coal Leasing Suitability Assessment*

Carry forward 18 competitive coal tracts for further consideration for leasing as follows: Bisti #1 (in part); Bisti #2, Bisti #4 (in part), Bisti #6/8, Catalpa Canyon, Chico Wash South (in part), Crownpoint East (in part), Divide, Gallo Wash #1, Kimbeto #2, La Plata #1, La Plata #3, Lee Ranch East, Lee Ranch Middle (in part), Lee Ranch West, Star Lake East #1, Star Lake West #2, Sundance.

Modification: The Bisti No. 2 tract is now carried forward for further consideration for leasing because it was considered under Alternative A. This is due to changes in analysis criteria under the multiple-use screens as modified in the San Juan River Regional Coal EIS Record of Decision, as amended, November 16, 1987.

➥ *Issue #5 - Transportation*

Complete ORV designation implementation plans according to BLM Manual 8341 by FY 90 and begin monitoring. Acquire easements as needed.

➥ *Issue #6 - Vegetative Uses*

Set the correct levels of vegetative use based on a five-year monitoring plan. Re-examine the Grazing Memorandum of Understanding between the BLM, BIA and Navajo Tribe to expand the agreement for allotments in the exchange zone and cancel the agreement for allotments in the retention and acquisition zones, and in allotments wholly or partially within designated wilderness.

➥ *Issue #7 - Rights-of-Way Corridors and Windows*

Examine applications for right-of-way corridors on a case-by-case basis. Implement the Rights-of-Way Windows Special Management Area designations.

The Proposed Plan and Alternatives Considered

Four alternatives were considered and analyzed in detail in the Draft RMP/EIS (March 1987). "No Grazing" was initially proposed as an alternative, but was eliminated from detailed analysis as it did not meet the BLM requirements that alternatives be feasible, practical, and implementable. However, environmental analysis for the "No Grazing" alternative was conducted and displayed in Appendix K of the Draft RMP/EIS. No other alternatives considered were eliminated from detailed analysis.

The Preferred Alternative is the Proposed Plan as described in the Proposed Farmington Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (September 1987). The Preferred Alternative/Proposed Plan and other alternatives considered are summarized as follows:

Current Management (No Action) Alternative

This alternative describes the current management of the resources affected by the issue questions. As with all alternatives, other resources and programs would continue to be managed according to continuing management guidance. This alternative provides a baseline for comparison of other alternatives.

The management direction for this alternative was derived from existing management decisions and guidance developed in the San Juan and Chaco Management Framework Plans. Like the other alternatives, the Current Management Alternative would allow future management to be responsive to changing regulations and policies.

Resource Conservation Alternative

This alternative attempts to resolve the planning issues while placing primary emphasis on maintaining or improving environmental values. The outdoor recreation, visual resources, wilderness, cultural, wildlife, watershed, and other resource conservation-oriented programs are emphasized under this alternative.

The goal of this alternative is to change present management direction to resolve the seven issues in a manner that places highest priority on the maintenance or improvement of environmental values. Multiple use management would continue in areas not emphasized under this alternative.

Resource Production Alternative

This alternative attempts to resolve the planning issues while placing primary emphasis on making public land and resources available for use and development. The minerals, grazing, ORV, forestry, and similar production-oriented programs are emphasized under this alternative. The goal of this alternative is to change management direction so that the seven issues are resolved in a manner that generally places highest priority on the production of resources from the public lands. Multiple use management would continue in areas not designated for special management attention.

Preferred Alternative (Proposed Plan)

The Preferred Alternative is designed to provide balanced management direction. The goal is to resolve the seven issues by providing for a combination of resource uses that protects important environmental values and sensitive resources while at the same time allows development of resources elsewhere which provide commercial goods and services. This alternative incorporates concepts proposed in both the resource conservation and resource production alternatives as well as actions between the two.

➥ *Management Considerations*

The decision to choose the Preferred Alternative/Proposed Plan, as modified, is based on (1) the need to resolve the seven issues identified through the planning process; (2) the input received from public land users, other federal and state land management agencies, as well as state, local and tribal governments; and (3) the environmental analysis for the alternatives considered in the RMP/EIS.

➥ *Implementation and Monitoring*

The approved RMP will provide the framework and guidelines for making specific management decisions for the Resource Area over the next 10 to 20 years. Priorities for implementation of management decisions are contingent upon program funding levels established through the budget process.

Program priorities will shift as budget allocations change in response to new administrative policy, new Department direction, changing resource conditions, or new Bureau goals. Monitoring will be performed to ensure conformance with the Plan and to indicate how effective these measures are in minimizing environmental impacts.

➥ *Public Involvement*

Public opinion and input have been sought throughout the planning and decision making process. Public participation was documented in detail in Chapter 4 of the Proposed RMP/FEIS (September 1987). Additional public involvement is described under the heading — Protest Resolution. An annual RMP summary document will be prepared to inform the public of the progress made in implementing the FRMP in a continuing public involvement effort. This document will also provide information on the upcoming year's plans for implementation and explain how the public can become involved in specific land management actions.

➥ *Protest Resolution*

Two protests were received appealing proposed decisions of the Proposed RMP/FEIS (September 1987). One protest was denied and the other considered. This protest addressed concerns about resolution of the land ownership adjustment issue near Gallup, New Mexico. Protest to the Director resulted in scheduling two additional public meetings and a public hearing in Gallup, New Mexico, on April 8 and 9, 1988. A 30-day written comment period from March 17 through April 18 was provided in order to solicit additional public input on resolving the land ownership adjustment issue.

The geographic area of concern is shown on the colored map and is legally defined as Townships 13-17 North, Ranges 15-21 West. This map depicts land status and is the most accurate map available for public distribution. The yellow colored parcels are the subject of the protest on the proposed decision to exchange these parcels out of BLM-administration as part of the land consolidation concept embodied in the plan. The vast majority of responses endorsed effort to consolidate land ownership patterns for more efficient and effective land management, but some had intensive reservations on how this decision would be implemented, with whom the land would be exchanged, and when it would be exchanged. These concerns, however, can only be specifically addressed when the Bureau receives an exchange proposal during RMP implementation that specifies the name of the applicant, when the action is requested, and other details particular to the parcel of interest. Implementation was the basis of the questions, comments, and opinions received at the meetings/hearing and written comment period.

The root of concern was associated with a growing body of case law known as the "Indian Country" issue. Questions surfaced involving the

authority of the Navajo Tribe off-reservation in terms of taxation, licensing requirements, police power, and criminal court jurisdiction and the impacts and effects of such authority on city and county services, schools, taxes and revenues, local government operations, water rights, mineral rights, access, rights-of-way, individual tax payers and property. These social issues are currently being heard by the courts and in the Congressional arena not only in the Gallup area, but in various places throughout the nation.

The Bureau's position is that the small, isolated, and scattered nature of public lands in the protest area have virtually no effect to the "Indian Country" issue in regards to their disposition and new owner or even if they remain as BLM-administered public lands. It is also the Bureau's position that the inevitable disposition of the public land in question is in the overall public interest and the social concerns surrounding the "Indian Country" issue are beyond resolution in any administrative land-use plan.

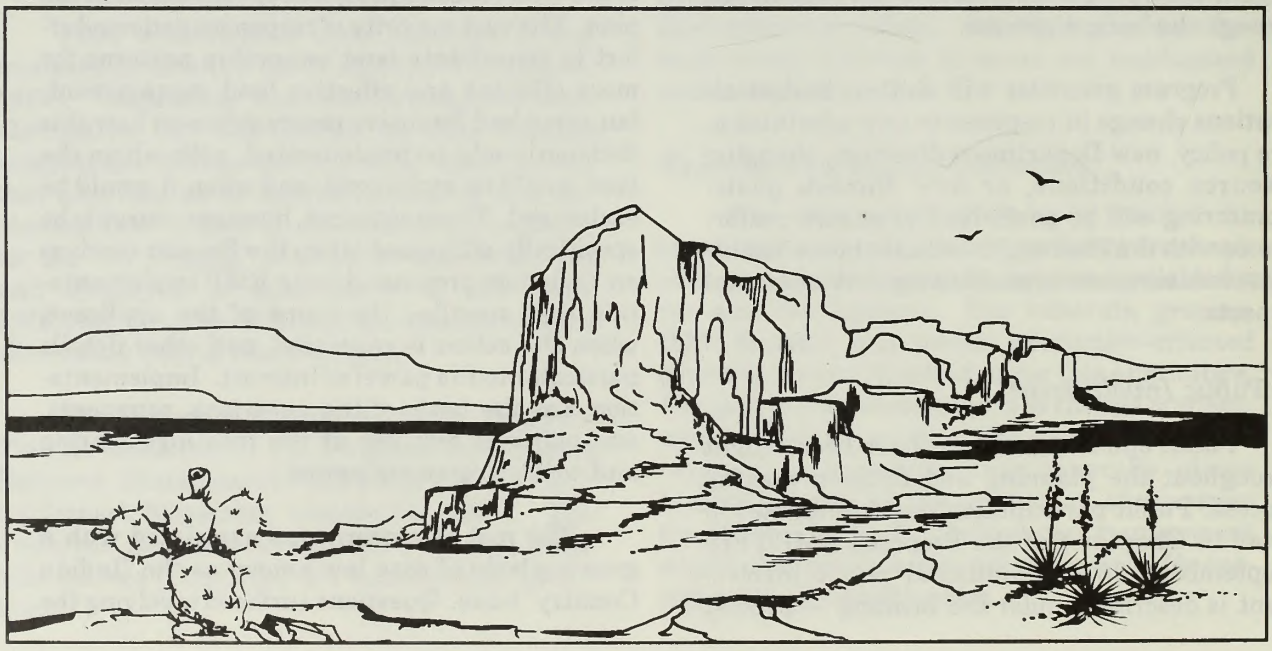
All verbal and written comments received at the formal public hearing and 30-day comment period were carefully analyzed for inclusion in the decision making process. The major concerns discussed lend themselves to general categorization which are summarized below along with responses to those comments:

Comment: The Tri-Party Agreement signed by Assistant Secretaries Griles and Swimmer of the Department of the Interior in September 1987 represents collusion between the BLM, BIA, and Navajo Tribe to extend the Navajo Reservation boundary and appears to be premature implementation of the RMP.

Response: This agreement signed September 1987 is the result of a continuing effort since 1974 to bring the three governmental entities together in a dialogue that seeks to further cooperation in untangling the burden of public land orders and executive orders and their interpretation to ultimately resolve problems in the checkerboard area. This agreement stems from the Navajo Resolution Occupancy Program initiated through the Management Framework Plan (Continuing Management Guidance in the RMP) and is a part of the on-going process to resolve the land ownership problems within the San Juan Basin.

The RMP process only plans for unencumbered BLM-administered public lands which, in this case, involve 24,000 acres within the exchange zone. Public lands within the exchange zone are available to be exchanged on a proposal-by-proposal basis from anyone interested in submitting a proposal.

The Tri-Party Agreement primarily involves Tribal trust lands and lands withdrawn by public land orders and executive orders that are not administered by the Bureau of Land Management.



Comment: The Final Environmental Impact Statement did not adequately assess the social and economic effects of public lands exchanged to the Navajo Tribe and the Bureau should further study the effects for public review prior to approving the RMP.

Response: The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 requires that proposed actions be analyzed to determine their social and economic effects. Simply stated, the proposed action calls for the Bureau to dispose, through exchanges, small, scattered, and isolated parcels of public land which are unmanageable in the public domain in the overall public interest. The effects have been determined to have an overall beneficial impact to public land management through consolidation of holdings.

Social consequences are difficult to quantify given the nature of the proposed action; however, considering the small amount of public land acreage (24,000 acres) in the Gallup area available for exchange, the net effect will be substantially unnoticeable, especially considering the scattered and isolated nature of these lands. Further study is not expected to yield new information on impacts of the proposed action.

A common misunderstanding is that the RMP calls for exchanges with the Navajo Tribe and thus the social and economic affects of this action and its relationship to the "Indian Country" and jurisdiction issues should be considered. The proposed action is not to exchange with the Navajo Tribe or any other entity, but rather to engineer exchanges with anyone interested in making a proposal. This will maximize the probability in achieving disposal in the exchange zone to resolve the planning issue. Unfortunately, the specific impacts of exchanges depend on who submits a proposal and what the details consist of, which will occur during RMP implementation.

The effects of the "Indian Country" issue are not assessed because they are not a cause or product of the proposed action. It is the Bureau's position that disposal of public lands in the Gallup area will have virtually no effect on jurisdictional issues.

Comment: The Bureau did not follow the appropriate public involvement procedures and consequently the people in the Gallup area did not receive adequate notice about the planning process.

Response: Notification of the Bureau's intent to prepare a Resource Management Plan included a Federal Register Notice, news releases to local media, and mailings to individuals on existing mailing lists. In addition, a public meeting was conducted in Gallup at the request of the Mayor on July 23, 1985.

Further involvement was sought through two newsletters and conducting over 30 special meetings in 1986 and 1987 for groups, as requested. A hearing was held in nearby Grants, New Mexico, to achieve maximum participation from the southern portion of the Resource Area. News releases to local media and a Federal Register Notice announced this hearing and local reporters attended and newspaper articles were printed in the Gallup Independent.

Comment: Inaccurate land status maps have caused confusion concerning the amount of BLM-administered public land which has adversely affected meaningful participation from citizens in the Gallup area.

Response: The Bureau agrees that the outdated land status map included in the Draft Resource Management Plan has created confusion associated with the amount of public land existing in the Gallup area. This map inaccurately displayed withdrawn lands managed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs as being BLM-administered public land.

Comment: The public lands subject to exchange may contain critical wildlife habitat and should be kept in the public domain.

Response: No critical habitat was identified on these parcels of lands by the Bureau. This conclusion is supported on record by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the New Mexico Game and Fish Department. Meetings with the McKinley County Wildlife Federation failed also to identify critical wildlife habitat.

Comment: How would existing access and rights-of-way be protected should public lands leave public ownership?

Response: Existing rights-of-way and authorized access of record could be protected in the land patent. Isolated public lands are not currently providing or blocking access to private lands due primarily to the fact that they are surrounded on three or four sides by non-public land.

Comment: Other concerns that were voiced included: recreational use of the Fort Wingate Military Reservation and Forest Service lands, increasing budget allocations for wildlife habitat improvement, issuing land patents to individual Indians rather than holding land in trust, and the creation of a five-party group to study the effects of the "Indian Country" issue and to recommend exchange proposals.

Response: The concerns above do not lend themselves to issue resolution and decisions in an administrative land-use plan such as the RMP. They could be more effectively resolved and dealt with outside of the planning effort and/or with another agency.

Consistency

No inconsistencies with the plan, programs, and policies of other federal agencies or state and local governments were identified during the RMP process, including the Governor's Consistency Review.

Public Availability of this Document

Personal copies of the approved Farmington Resource Management Plan can be ordered by completing and returning the order form inside the back cover of this document in care of RMP Team Leader, Bureau of Land Management, 1235 La Plata Highway, Farmington, NM 87401. Review copies are available at all Bureau offices in New Mexico as well as most public libraries. Federal, state and local governments on the mailing list will receive complimentary copies.

Conclusion

This Record of Decision constitutes the final Bureau action on approving the Farmington Resource Management Plan. Any person adversely affected by a decision of the Bureau Officer in implementing some portion of a Resource Management Plan may appeal such action to the Interior Board of Land Appeals pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations 4.400 at the time the action is proposed for implementation.

June 10, 1988
Date

Larry Woodard
State Director, New Mexico
Bureau of Land Management

RMP Implementation Summary

Introduction

This section displays the initial action steps scheduled for completion to implement the approved Farmington Resource Management Plan (RMP). Listed beside each implementation step is the page number in the RMP that can be referenced to obtain further information about the action. Initial priorities for implementation have also been determined. It is important to note that implementation priorities are likely to shift on a year-to-year basis during the 10-20 year life of the RMP according to budget allocations, administrative goals, departmental direction, change in resource conditions and public involvement. An annual RMP report will contain a similar section to identify those implementation steps that have been completed and those scheduled for completion in the upcoming fiscal year. These steps are also identified so the public can become further involved in the implementation of those actions that are of interest.

Easement Acquisition

No.	Implementation Step	Page No. in RMP	**Priority for Implementation
1	Acquire Glade Run Trail System Easement	6-14	Moderate
2	Acquire Carracas Mesa SMA Easement	6-14	High
3	Acquire Thomas Canyon SMA Easement	6-14	High
4	Acquire De-na-zin Wilderness Easement	6-14	High
5	Acquire Chaco Outliers Easement	6-14	High
6	Acquire Navajo Refugee Sites Easement	6-14	Moderate
7	Acquire East Side Rincon SMA Easement	6-14	Low
8	Acquire Chacra Mesa ACEC Easement	6-14	High
9	Acquire Farmer's Arroyo SMA Easement	6-14	Low
10	Acquire Hogback ACEC Easement	6-14	High
11	Acquire Reese Canyon RNA Easement	6-14	High
12	Acquire River Tracts SMA Easement	6-14	Moderate
13	Acquire Torrejon Fossil Fauna ACEC Easement	6-14	Moderate
14	Acquire Betonnie Tsosie SMA Easement	6-14	Moderate
15	Acquire Fossil Forest RNA Easement	6-14	High
16	Acquire Beechatuda Tongue SMA Easement	6-14	Low
17	Acquire Laguna Seca SMA Easement	6-14	High
18	Acquire Delgadito Allotment Easement	6-14	Low
19	Acquire Four Mile Canyon Allotment Easement	6-14	Moderate
20	Acquire Canyon Largo Allotment Easement	6-14	Low
21	Acquire Waterflow Allotment Easement	6-14	Moderate
22	Acquire Rivershore Allotment Easement	6-14	Moderate
23	Acquire Stevens Arroyo Allotment Easement	6-14	Moderate
24	Acquire Flora Vista Allotment Easement	6-14	Moderate
25	Acquire Animas Allotment Easement	6-14	Moderate
26	Acquire Farmington Glade Allotment Easement	6-14	Moderate
27	Acquire Coyote Hill Allotment Easement	6-14	Moderate
28	Acquire Coalbank Canyon Allotment Easement	6-14	Moderate
29	Acquire Frances Mesa Allotment Easement	6-14	High

ORV Designations			
No.	Implementation Step	Page No. in RMP	**Priority for Implementation
30	Acquire Frances Canyon Allotment Easement	6-14	High
31	Implement Farmer's Arroyo ORV Closure	2-31	High
32	Implement Chacra Mesa ORV Limitation	2-31	High
33	Implement Kin Nizhoni ORV Limitation	2-31	High
34	Implement Pierre's Site ACEC ORV Limitation	2-31	High
35	Implement Halfway House ACEC ORV Limitation	2-31	High
36	Implement Twin Angels ACEC ORV Limitation	2-31	High
37	Implement Jacques Site ORV Limitation	2-31	High
38	Implement Holmes Group ORV Limitation	2-31	High
39	Implement Casamero ACEC ORV Limitation	2-31	High
40	Implement East Side Rincon ORV Limitation	2-31	High
41	Implement Shephard Site ORV Limitation		
42	Implement Crow Canyon ACEC ORV Limitation	2-31	High
43	Implement Hooded Fireplace/ Largo School ACEC ORV Limitation	2-31	High
44	Implement Tapacito, Split Rock Dist. ACEC ORV Limitation	2-31	High
45	Implement Frances Ruin ACEC ORV Limitation	2-31	High
46	Implement Christmas Tree Ruin ACEC ORV Limitation	2-31	High
47	Implement Simon Ruin ORV Limitation	2-31	High
48	Implement San Rafael Canyon ACEC ORV Limitation	2-31	High
49	Implement Gobernador Knob ORV Limitation	2-31	High
50	Implement Tanner Lake Battlefield ORV Closure	2-31	High
51	Implement Huerfano Mesa ORV Limitation	2-31	High
52	Implement Salt Point ACEC ORV Limitation	2-31	High
53	Implement Romine Canyon Ruin ORV Limitation	2-31	High
54	Implement Prieta Mesa Site ORV Limitation	2-31	High
55	Implement Delgadito Pueblito ORV Limitation	2-31	High
56	Implement Cagle's Site ORV Limitation	2-31	High
57	Implement Adam's Site ORV Limitation	2-31	High
58	Implement Casa Mesa Diablo ORV Limitation	2-31	High
59	Implement Rincon Rock Shelter ORV Limitation	2-31	High
60	Implement Adolfo Canyon Site ORV Limitation	2-31	High
61	Implement Unreachable RockShelter ORV Limitation	2-31	High
62	Implement Compressor Station Ruin ORV Limitation	2-31	High
63	Implement Foothold/Overlook Ruins District ORV Limitation	2-31	High
64	Implement Pointed Butte Ruin ORV Limitation	2-31	High
65	Implement Rincon Largo District ORV Limitation	2-31	High
66	Implement Hill Road Ruin ORV Limitation	2-31	High
67	Implement Gomez Canyon Ruin ORV Limitation	2-31	High
68	Implement Gomez Point Site ORV Limitation	2-31	High
69	Implement Kin Yazhi ORV Limitation	2-31	High
70	Implement Canyon View Ruin ORV Limitation	2-31	High
71	Implement Beechatuda Tongue ORV Closure	2-11	High
72	Implement Coal Belt ORV Open	2-11	High
73	Implement Torrejon Fossil ORV Limitation	2-33	High
74	Implement Kutz Canyon ORV Limitation	2-33	High
75	Implement Betonnie Tsosie ORV Limitation	2-33	High
76	Implement Simon Canyon ACEC ORV Closure	2-36	High

No.	Implementation Step	Page No. in RMP	**Priority for Implementation
	ORV Designations (Continued)		
77	Implement Thomas Canyon ORV Closure	2-36	High
78	Implement Negro Canyon ORV Closure	2-36	High
79	Implement Simon Canyon Recreation Area ORV Limitation	2-36	High
80	Implement Angel Peak ORV Limitation	2-36	High
81	Implement Head Canyon ORV Limitation	2-36	High
82	Implement Carracas Mesa ORV Limitation	2-36	High
83	Implement Dunes ORV Open	2-36	High
84	Implement ROW Window ORV Open	2-7	High
85	Implement Hogback ORV Limitation	2-25	High
86	Implement Reese Canyon ORV Limitation	2-25	High
87	Implement Aztec Gilia ORV Limitation	2-25	High
88	Implement River Tracts ORV Limitation	2-25	High
89	Implement Bald Eagle ORV Limitation	2-25	High
	ACEC Planning		
90	Complete Crow Canyon ACEC Plan	2-31	High
91	Complete Hooded Fireplace/Largo School ACEC Plan	2-31	High
92	Complete Tapacito/Split Rock ACEC Plan	2-31	High
93	Complete Christmas Tree Ruin ACEC Plan	2-31	High
94	Complete Frances Ruin ACEC Plan	2-31	High
95	Complete Salt Point ACEC Plan	2-31	High
96	Complete Pierre's Site ACEC Plan	2-31	High
97	Complete Halfway House ACEC Plan	2-31	High
98	Complete Twin Angels ACEC Plan	2-31	High
99	Complete Casamero Community ACEC Plan	2-31	High
100	Complete Chacra Mesa ACEC Plan	2-31	High
101	Complete San Rafael Canyon ACEC Plan	2-31	High
102	Complete Torreon Fossil ACEC Plan	2-33	High
103	Complete Angel Peak ACEC Plan	2-37	High
104	Complete Badlands ACEC Plan	2-27	High
105	Complete Log Jam ACEC Plan	2-27	High
106	Complete Lost Pine ACEC Plan	2-27	High
107	Complete Hogback ACEC Plan	2-25	High
108	Complete Aztec Gilia ACEC Plan	2-25	High
109	Complete Bald Eagle ACEC Plan	2-25	High
	Coal Tracts		
110	Update Bisti #1 Coal Tract Report	2-3	Low
111	Update Bisti #2 Coal Tract Report	2-3	Low
112	Update Bisti #4 Coal Tract Report	2-3	Low
113	Update Bisti #6/8 Coal Tract Report	2-3	Low
114	Update Catalpa Canyon Coal Tract Report	2-3	Low
115	Update Chico Wash South Coal Tract Report	2-3	Low
116	Update Crownpoint East Coal Tract Report	2-3	Low
117	Update Divide Coal Tract Report	2-3	Low
118	Update Gallo Wash #1 Coal Tract Report	2-3	Low
119	Update Kimbeto #2 Coal Tract Report	2-3	Low

No.	Implementation Step	Page No. in RMP	**Priority for Implementation
	Coal Tracts (Continued)		
120	Update La Plata #1 Coal Tract Report	2-3	Low
121	Update La Plata #3 Coal Tract Report	2-3	Low
122	Update Lee Ranch West Coal Tract Report	2-3	Low
123	Update Star Lake East #1 Coal Tract Report	2-3	Low
124	Update Star Lake West #2 Coal Tract Report	2-3	Low
125	Update Sundance Coal Tract Report	2-3	Low
126	Update Lee Ranch East Report	2-3	Low
127	Update Lee Ranch Middle Report	2-3	Low
	Lands Program		
128	Complete Wallace Exchange	2-3	High
129	Complete Chaffee Exchange	2-3	Moderate
130	Complete SMA State Priority Exchange	6-1	High
131	Process ROW Applications	2-3	Moderate
132	Complete ROW Window SMA Plan	2-7	Moderate
	Minerals Program		
133	Complete Angel Peak Withdrawal	2-11	High
134	Complete Carracas Mesa Withdrawal	2-11	High
135	Complete Thomas Canyon Withdrawal	2-11	High
136	Complete Negro Canyon Withdrawal	2-11	High
137	Complete Navajo Refugee Sites Withdrawal	2-11	High
138	Complete Chaco Outliers Withdrawal	2-11	High
139	Complete Chacra Mesa Complex Withdrawal	2-11	High
140	Complete Beechatuda Tongue Withdrawal	2-11	High
141	Complete ROW Window Withdrawal	2-11	High
142	Complete Hogback Withdrawal	2-11	High
143	Complete Reese Canyon RNA Withdrawal	2-11	High
144	Complete Sacred Areas Withdrawal	2-11	High
145	Process Domestic-use coal Licenses	2-3	Ongoing
146	Process Applications for Saleables, Locatables & Leasables	2-10	Ongoing
147	Implement Coal Belt SMA Prescriptions	2-11	Moderate
148	Implement Beechatuda Tongue SMA Prescriptions	2-11	Low
	Forestry		
149	Complete Laguna Seca Mesa Plan	2-17	Moderate
150	Complete Simon Canyon Woodcutting Closure	2-3	High
151	Complete Angel Peak Woodcutting Closure	2-3	High
152	Complete Navajo Refugee Sites Woodcutting Closure	2-3	High
153	Complete Bald Eagle ACEC Woodcutting Closure	2-3	High
154	Complete River Tracts Woodcutting Closure	2-3	High
155	Complete Thomas Canyon Woodcutting Closure	2-3	High
156	Complete Negro Canyon Woodcutting Closure	2-3	High
157	Complete Reese Canyon Woodcutting Closure	2-3	High
158	Complete Carracas Mesa Woodcutting Closure	2-3	High
159	Complete Aztec Gilia ACEC Woodcutting Closure	2-3	High
160	Complete East Side Rincon Woodcutting Closure	2-3	High

No.	Implementation Step	Page No. in RMP	**Priority for Implementation
	Forestry (Continued)		
161	Complete Pierre's Site ACEC Woodcutting Closure	2-3	High
162	Complete Halfway House Woodcutting Closure	2-3	High
163	Process Tree, Post and Woodcutting Permits	2-3	Ongoing
	Outdoor Recreation		
164	Implement Simon Canyon Recreation Area/ACEC Plan	2-37	Moderate
165	Complete Head Canyon ORV Competition Area Plan	2-37	High
166	Complete Angel Peak Recreation Area Plan	2-37	Moderate
167	Complete Dunes Vehicle Recreation Area Plan	2-37	High
168	Complete Carracas Mesa SMA Plan	2-37	Low
169	Complete Thomas Canyon SMA Plan	2-37	Low
170	Complete Negro Canyon SMA Plan	2-37	Low
171	Complete Glade Run Trail System Plan	2-37	Moderate
172	Implement Continental Divide NST Plan	2-37	Low
	Wilderness		
173	Implement Bisti Wilderness Plan	2-27	High
174	Complete De-na-zin Wilderness Plan	2-27	High
175	Continue Ah-shi-sle-pah WSA Management	2-27	High
	Archeology		
176	Complete Pierre's Site Chaco Outlier CRMP	2-31	High
177	Implement Casamero ACEC Chaco Outlier CRMP	2-31	High
178	Implement Tanner Lake SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
179	Implement Huerfano Mesa SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
180	Implement East Side Rincon SMA Prescriptions	2-31	Moderate
181	Implement Farmer's Arroyo SMA Prescriptions	2-31	Low
182	Implement Shephard Site SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
183	Implement Romine Canyon Ruin SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
184	Implement Prieta Mesa Site SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
185	Implement Delgadito Pueblito SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
186	Implement Cagle's Site SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
187	Implement Adams Canyon Site SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
188	Implement Casa Mesa Diablo SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
189	Implement Rincon Rockshelter SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
190	Implement Hill Road Ruin SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
191	Implement Gomez Point Site SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
192	Implement Gomez Canyon Ruin SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
193	Implement Adolfo Canyon Site SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
194	Implement Gobernador Knob SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
195	Implement Halfway House Chaco Outlier CRMP	2-31	High
196	Complete Jacques Site Chaco Outlier CRMP	2-31	High
197	Complete Holmes Group Chaco Outlier CRMP	2-31	High
198	Complete Andrews Ranch Chaco Outlier CRMP	2-31	High
199	Complete Chacra Mesa Complex CRMP	2-31	Moderate
200	Implement Unreachable Rockshelter SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
201	Implement Compressor Station Ruin SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High

No.	Implementation Step	Page No. in RMP	**Priority for Implementation
	Archeology (Continued)		
202	Implement Foothold, Overlook Ruins Dist. SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
203	Implement Pointed Butte Ruin SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
204	Issue Permits for Inventory Study and Collection	2-29	Moderate
205	Nominate Properties to the National Register	2-29	Moderate
206	Implement the Compliance Program	2-30	High
207	Implement Rincon Largo District SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
208	Implement Kin Yazhi SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
209	Implement Canyon View Ruin SMA Prescriptions	2-31	High
	Paleontology		
210	Complete Fossil Forest RNA Plan	2-33	High
211	Complete Kutz Canyon SMA Plan	2-33	Moderate
212	Complete Betonnie Tsosie SMA Plan	2-33	Moderate
213	Issue Permits for Research and Collection	2-32	Ongoing
	Wildlife SMA Implementation/Plan		
214	Implement River Tracts SMA Prescriptions	2-25	High
215	Complete Reese Canyon RNA Plan	2-25	High
216	Implement Habitat Management Plans	2-24	High
217	Implement Threatened and Endangered Program	2-24	High
	Range		
218	Monitor and Implement Grazing Decisions	2-13	High
219	Review Grazing MOU With BIA and Tribe	2-3	Moderate
	Soil, Water, Air and Scenic Quality		
220	Complete Farmington Lake Watershed SMA Prescriptions	2-21	Moderate
221	Develop Watershed Activity Plans	2-20	Moderate
222	Maintain VRM Class Objective Classifications	2-21	Ongoing
223	Implement Colorado River Salinity Program	2-20	High
224	Monitor Air, Water, Soil Quality	2-20	Ongoing

Acronyms
SMA - Special Management Area
ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
RNA - Research Natural Area
ORV - Off-road Vehicle
WSA - Wilderness Study Area
CRMP - Cultural Resource Management Plan
MOU - Memorandum of Understanding

**
High = Begin implementation in next fiscal year
Moderate = Begin implementation in 2 to 5 years
Low = Begin implementation in 5 to 15 years
Ongoing = Continue to implement

Rangeland Program Summary

Chaco Grazing Management Area

Introduction

The primary purpose of this document is to provide a summary of the existing situation on the public rangelands within the area identified as the Chaco Grazing Management Area (GMA). In addition, it will outline future actions, as specified in the Farmington Resource Management Plan (RMP), to either maintain or improve existing range conditions.

Direction

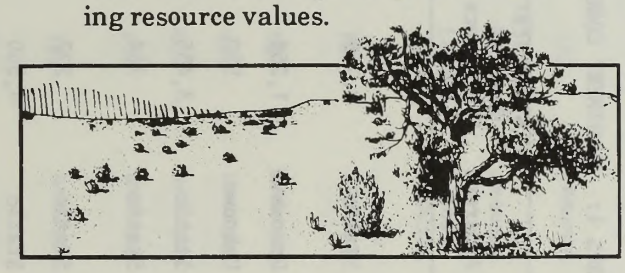
A range inventory has been conducted for the purpose of designating ecological condition, determining the selective management category, and identifying existing range improvements for the grazing allotments. The inventory information will be used in conjunction with the selective management categorization to determine their validity. Upon completion of the monitoring program, the vegetation will be managed to ensure that proper use levels of the key forage species are not exceeded, to improve or maintain ecological condition and vegetative productivity, and to provide for the protection of crucial wildlife habitat and critical watersheds.

Briefly, the Selective Management Categorization of allotments entails the evaluation of the allotment's potential and/or need for intensive management. Based upon this premise, all grazing allotments within the Chaco GMA were placed into one of three categories:

Maintain (M): Satisfactory ecological condition. No significant resource conflicts. Will be managed in a manner that will maintain the existing resource condition.

Improve (I): Unsatisfactory ecological condition and/or significant resource conflicts. Will be managed to improve ecological condition and/or reduce resource conflicts. These objectives will be accomplished through the intensification of range management and/or reductions in allowable livestock grazing use.

Custodial (C): Low potential for improvement in ecological condition. Will be managed to protect existing resource values.



It is anticipated that existing levels of vegetative use on "M" category grazing allotments would be maintained and levels adjusted to protect existing resource values on "C" category allotments. Necessary actions on "I" category allotments would be taken to attain "M" category status for those allotments. The grazing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the BIA and the Navajo Tribe would be cancelled for allotments in the retention zone and allotments lying wholly or partially within the wilderness areas. On these allotments the BLM would regain administrative control of day-to-day grazing management activities. The MOU would be continued and possibly expanded in the exchange zone until the public lands are exchanged or disposed of. Range improvement funding for allotments in the exchange zone would be limited to those projects that can be depreciated before mining and/or exchange or disposal of the public lands. Table RPS-1 is a summary of allotment conditions.

TABLE RPS 1: ALLOTMENT CONDITIONS

Allotment Name & Number	Public Acres	Ecological Condition Class Acres** Good	Fair	Poor	Apparent Trend	Historical Grazing Preference (AUMs)	5 Year Aver. Livestock Grazing Use (AUMs)	Range Inventory (AUMs)	Kind of Livestock	Selective Management Category
6004* Carson-Gallegos Comm.	29,300	1,194	23,706		Static	3,759	3,759	2,787	Sheep	C
6005 O.J. Carson Ranch	7,895		1,037	6,116	Downward	1,264	449	539	Cattle	I
6006 Marquez	3,863		Unknown		Unknown	580	580	-	Cattle	C
6007* Huerfano Comm.	19,145		16,614	1,144	Static	3,485	3,485	2,465	Sheep	C
6008* Bisti Comm.	6,186	3,195	1,065		Static	764	764	600	Sheep	C
6009 Navajo Tribe - Smith	2,107		819		Static	237	237	177	Cattle	C
6010 Black Lake	42,219	13,668	20,314		Static	4,560	4,559	4,559	Cattle	M
6011* Otis Comm.	26,520		23,240	623	Static	3,260	3,260	2,777	Sheep	C
6012*** Tsaya	13,208	11,957	4,096		Static	952	1,343	834	Cattle	M
6013 Kimbeto Comm.	61,864	19,738	37,574	10,074	Downward	7,162	7,162	590	Cattle, Sheep Horses	I
6014 Escavada	15,027		12,827	2,264	Static	2,724	1,270	1,177	Cattle	I
6015 Counselor Comm.	71,165		58,429	9,738	Static	10,705	10,705	7,588	Cattle, Sheep, Horses	I
6016* Lake Valley Comm.	974		Unknown		Unknown	110	110	-	Sheep	C
6017 Navajo Tribe - Chaco	2,077		Unknown		Unknown	233	233	-	Cattle	C
6018* Pueblo Pintado Comm.	13,922		Unknown		Unknown	1,569	1,569	-	Sheep	C
6019 Tanner Lease	640		Unknown		Unknown	96	96	-	Cattle	C
6021 T20N R6W S23 W1/2, SE	480		Unknown		Unknown	54	54	-	Cattle	C

TABLE RPS 1: ALLOTMENT CONDITIONS (CONTINUED)

Allotment Name & Number	Public Acres	Ecological Condition Class Acres** Good	Fair	Poor	Apparent Trend	Historical Grazing Preference (AUMs)	5 Year Aver. Livestock Grazing Use (AUMs)	Range Inventory (AUMs)	Kind of Livestock	Selective Management Category
6022 Casaus Maestas Duran	1,960		1,955		Static	180	180	160	Cattle	I
6023* Star Lake Comm.	79,562	2,835	66,150	9,134	Static	13,601	13,601	9,692	Sheep	C
6024* Castillo Comm.	18,325		9,216	8,592	Static	4,733	4,733	2,892	Sheep	C
6025 D.P. Elkins	320		Unknown		Unknown	48	48	-	Cattle	C
6026 D.J. Elkins	160		Unknown		Unknown	24	24	-	Cattle	C
6027 L.E. Elkins	2,400		Unknown		Unknown	360	360	-	Cattle	C
6028* Becenti Comm.	2,570		Unknown		Unknown	289	289	-	Cattle	C
6032 T18N R10W S4 W1/2	318		Unknown		Unknown	40	40	-	Sheep	C
6033* White Horse Comm.	4,182		Unknown		Unknown	471	471	-	Sheep	C
6034 Navajo Tribe - Elkins	3,675		Unknown		Unknown	414	414	-	Cattle	C
6035 Hospah	1,120		Unknown		Unknown	120	120	-	Cattle	C
6036 Jacobs	2,010		Unknown		Unknown	264	264	-	Cattle	C
6037 Carrica	160		Unknown		Unknown	36	36	-	Cattle	C
6038* Navajo Tribe - Werito G	480		Unknown		Unknown	54	54	-	Cattle	C
6039* Navajo Tribe - Werito S	1,660		Unknown		Unknown	187	187	-	Cattle	C
6040* Little Water Comm.	7,998		Unknown		Unknown	901	901	-	Sheep	C
6044* Rincon-Marquez Comm.	8,180		2,160	5,760	Downward	921	921	921	Sheep	C

TABLE RPS 1: ALLOTMENT CONDITIONS (CONTINUED)

Allotment Name & Number	Public Acres	Ecological Condition Class Acres** Good	Fair	Poor	Apparent Trend	Historical Grazing Preference (AUMs)	5 Year Aver. Livestock Grazing Use (AUMs)	Range Inventory (AUMs)	Kind of Livestock	Selective Management Category
6045* Navajo Tribe - Arivso	2,581			2,581	Downward	291	291	291	Cattle	C
6046* Tsayatoh Comm.	6,680		Unknown		Unknown	752	752	-	Sheep	C
6047 Wilson	197		Unknown		Unknown	36	36	-	Cattle	C
6048* Church Rock Comm.	7,763		Unknown		Unknown	874	874	-	Sheep	C
6049* Pinedale Comm.	4,553		Unknown		Unknown	513	513	-	Sheep	C
6050* Wingate Comm.	1,276		Unknown		Unknown	144	144	-	Sheep	C
6051* Mariano Lake Comm.	4,565		Unknown		Unknown	514	514	-	Sheep	C
6053 Smouse Lease	600		Unknown		Unknown	113	113	-	Cattle	C
6054* Casmero Lake Comm.	3,794		Unknown		Unknown	427	427	-	Sheep	C
6055 Divide Allot.	2,080		Unknown		Unknown	312	312	-	Cattle	C
6056* Manuelito Comm.	1,760		Unknown		Unknown	198	198	-	Sheep	C
6057* Red Rock Comm.	3,125		Unknown		Unknown	352	352	-	Sheep	C
6060* Thoreau Comm.	1,080		Unknown		Unknown	122	122	-	Sheep	C
6062 Andrews Allot.	320		Unknown		Unknown	44	44	-	Cattle	C
6063 Escondida Ranch Allot.	640		Unknown		Unknown	156	156	-	Cattle	C
6064 D Berryhill	1,439		Unknown		Unknown	276	276	-	Cattle	C
6065 Harris	5,705		Unknown		Unknown	560	560	-	Cattle	C
6066 T14N R10W S26	640		Unknown		Unknown	96	96	-	Cattle	C
6067* Two Well Comm.	5,830		Unknown		Unknown	657	657	-	Sheep	C
6068 Cousins	320		Unknown		Unknown	36	36	-	Cattle	C

TABLE RPS 1: ALLOTMENT CONDITIONS (CONTINUED)

Allotment Name & Number	Public Acres	Ecological Condition Class Acres** Good	Fair	Poor	Apparent Trend	Historical Grazing Preference (AUMs)	5 Year Aver. Livestock Grazing Use (AUMs)	Range Inventory (AUMs)	Kind of Livestock	Selective Management Category
6071 Turpen	321		Unknown		Unknown	60	60	-	Cattle	C
6072 Bass Allot.	320		Unknown		Unknown	84	84	-	Cattle	C
6073 Ford Lease	640		Unknown		Unknown	108	108	-	Cattle	C
6074* Prewitt Comm.	4,000		Unknown		Unknown	451	451	-	Sheep	C
6075 Navarre Sect. 15 Lease	160		Unknown		Unknown	24	24	-	Cattle	C
6076* Haystack Comm.	164		Unknown		Unknown	18	18	-	Sheep	C
6077* Degederio Comm.	256		Unknown		Unknown	29	29	-	Sheep	C
6078 Elkins Land Co.	800		Unknown		Unknown	288	288	-	Cattle	C
6079 T13N R10W S24	560		Unknown		Unknown	84	84	-	Cattle	C
6081 Southeast Ambrosia Lake	1,490		Unknown		Unknown	276	276	-	Cattle	C
6082 Fernandez Comm.	3,440		Unknown		Unknown	852	852	-	Cattle	C
6083 Marquez 1	798		Unknown		Unknown	96	96	-	Cattle	C
6084 Pena	6,376		Unknown		Unknown	1,200	1,200	-	Cattle	C
6085 T13N R9W S 28 & S30	480		Unknown		Unknown	96	96	-	Cattle	C
6086 Section 22	280		Unknown		Unknown	36	36	-	Cattle	C
6087 Bechdol	630		Unknown		Unknown	122	122	-	Cattle	C
6088 Brown	980		Unknown		Unknown	58	58	-	Cattle	C
6089 Candelaria	1,800		Unknown		Unknown	167	167	-	Cattle	C
6090 Carson	400		Unknown		Unknown	48	48	-	Cattle	C
6091 Chacon	124		Unknown		Unknown	14	14	-	Cattle	C
6092 Clawson	320		Unknown		Unknown	50	50	-	Cattle	C

TABLE RPS 1: ALLOTMENT CONDITIONS (CONTINUED)

Allotment Name & Number	Public Acres	Ecological Condition Class Acres** Good	Fair	Poor	Apparent Trend	Historical Grazing Preference (AUMs)	5 Year Aver. Livestock Grazing Use (AUMs)	Range Inventory (AUMs)	Kind of Livestock	Selective Management Category
6093 Corbett	640		Unknown		Unknown	72	72	-	Cattle	C
6094 Davis	2,626		Unknown		Unknown	371	371	-	Cattle	C
6095 Donaldson	2,140		Unknown		Unknown	259	259	-	Cattle	C
6096 Hatley	400		Unknown		Unknown	60	60	-	Cattle	C
6097 Hooten	160		Unknown		Unknown	24	24	-	Cattle	C
6098 Howard, D.	160		Unknown		Unknown	36	36	-	Cattle	C
6099 Howard, W.	120		Unknown		Unknown	17	17	-	Cattle	C
6100 Huffman	503		Unknown		Unknown	70	70	-	Cattle	C
6101 Humphries	640		Unknown		Unknown	72	72	-	Cattle	C
6102 Jacquez	596		Unknown		Unknown	85	85	-	Cattle	C
6103 Lard	280		Unknown		Unknown	24	24	-	Cattle	C
6104 McDonald	40		Unknown		Unknown	4	4	-	Cattle	C
6105 Meharg	672		Unknown		Unknown	108	108	-	Cattle	C
6106 Mercado	2,000		Unknown		Unknown	307	307	-	Cattle	C
6107 Mosler	1,120		Unknown		Unknown	216	216	-	Cattle	C
6108 Ng	193		Unknown		Unknown	36	36	-	Cattle	C
6109 Post	320		Unknown		Unknown	38	38	-	Cattle	C
6110 Sanchez	236		Unknown		Unknown	36	36	-	Cattle	C
6111 Schmitz	803		Unknown		Unknown	108	108	-	Cattle	C
6112 Tapicitoes	440		Unknown		Unknown	108	108	-	Cattle	C
6113 Stevenson, T.W.	560		Unknown		Unknown	108	108	-	Cattle	C
6114 Stevenson, W.L.	1,613		Unknown		Unknown	182	182	-	Cattle	C
6115 Vigil	136		Unknown		Unknown	40	40	-	Cattle	C

TABLE RPS 1: ALLOTMENT CONDITIONS (CONTINUED)

Allotment Name & Number	Public Acres	Ecological Condition Class Acres** Good	Fair	Poor	Apparent Trend	Historical Grazing Preference (AUMs)	5 Year Aver. Livestock Grazing Use (AUMs)	Range Inventory (AUMs)	Kind of Livestock	Selective Management Category
6116 Williams	160		Unknown		Unknown	36	36	-	Cattle	C
6117 Woodfill	1,040		Unknown		Unknown	78	78	-	Cattle	C
6118 Southwest Ambrosia Lake	259		Unknown		Unknown	36	36	-	Cattle	C
T20N R6W S27 SE1/4	160		Unknown		Unknown	18	18	-	Cattle	C
6119 T14N R11W S8, 20, 28	1,440		Unknown		Unknown	196	196	-	Cattle	C
6121 T18N R9W S4	640		Unknown		Unknown	80	80	3/1 - 2/28	Cattle	C

*Allotments administered under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the BLM, BIA and the Navajo Tribe.
**No acreage is in excellent condition. In those instances where public land acreages do not correspond with the totals listed, a deduction has been made for land classified as badlands (i.e., unsuitable for grazing).
***This figure reflects an acreage reduction of public lands within this allotment that has transpired since the range inventory was completed.
-Allotments listed under the Range Inventory column with no entry will be allocated the historical preference.

The Memorandum of Understanding referenced above states that the BLM will issue the grazing leases on public lands located within large Section 15 Community Grazing Allotments to the Navajo Tribe. In turn, the Tribe works through the BIA to issue grazing permits to individual Navajos. Use supervision and/or trespass abatement on these lands is the responsibility of the BIA. Authorization of range improvement projects and determining carrying capacities is the responsibility of the BLM.

It should be noted that the current tri-party MOU is subject to modification during 1988. The primary objective in doing this is to ensure that the MOU is consistent with the RMP.

Monitoring

In fiscal year 1989, a monitoring program will be initiated on all "I" and "M" category allotments in the Chaco GMA for the purpose of establishing a long-term stocking rate and determining what management actions and/or range improvements are needed to maintain or improve the existing ecological condition. "C" category allotments will be monitored to protect existing resource values.

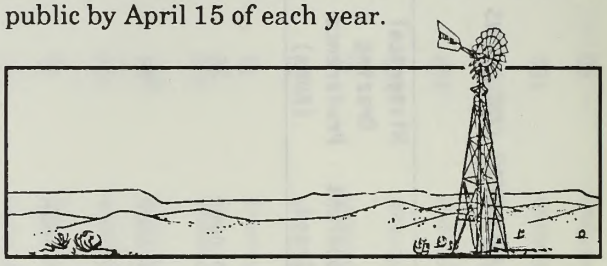
Monitoring studies for the "I" and "M" category allotments will consists of collecting the following data: (1) trend in range condition; (2) actual grazing use; (3) utilization of key plant species; (4) precipitation; (5) wildlife use patterns. Implementation of these studies as well as the establishment of intensive stocking rates and/or grazing systems for the duration of the five-year monitoring period will be facilitated through a Cooperative Grazing Agreement. This agreement will be developed jointly by the grazing operator and the BLM. Formal implementation of this agreement will be by Area Manager's decision.

At the mid-point of the monitoring period specified in the Cooperative Agreement an evaluation of the data collected to that point will be prepared. A copy of this information will be provided to the grazing operator. Any adjustments to the interim grazing operation will be made at this time.

Upon expiration of the initial Cooperative Agreement an evaluation of all the monitoring data collected will be made. A copy of the evaluation, along with recommendations for future management of the allotment in question, will be forwarded to the permittee. After the permittee has reviewed the information a meeting will be held to discuss it. The meeting will be held in accordance with Section 8 of the Public Rangelands Improvement Act. Based upon this meeting, a new Cooperative Agreement will be developed that specifies a long-term stocking rate and any needed changes in management.

Accountability

During the course of the monitoring effort, yearly updates of the existing situation as it relates to the collection of monitoring data, range improvement projects, issuance of decisions, implementation of grazing systems, or changes in the categorization of any allotments will be made. This information will be made available to the public by April 15 of each year.



San Juan Grazing Management Area

Introduction

This is the sixth update of the Rangeland Program Summary (RPS) which was initially prepared upon completion of the San Juan Grazing Management Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the Management Framework Plan (MFP) Step III decisions. Past updates have been cumulative in nature and have therefore repeated previously reported information. The data to follow will depict only new additional information or changes to that published in the past.

Monitoring/Decisions

Monitoring was initiated on 120 allotments in June of 1982. To date, 59 individual grazing decisions outlining long-term stocking rates have been issued on 51 allotments. A detailed summary of these decisions is listed in Table RPS-2.

TABLE RPS 2: ALLOTMENT DECISIONS

Allotment Name	Allotment Number	Preference AUMs	Active AUMs	Increased Suspense AUMs	Management Category	Developed Grazing System
North Hogback	5001	370	269	- 101	M	---
Cline Arroyo	5006	272	125	- 147	M	Yes
Twin Mounds	5007	765	360	- 405	I	Yes
Norton Flats	5008	402	165	- 237	M	---
Jones Canyon Comm.*	5012	557	170	- 387	M	Yes
Coyote Hills**	5015	27	25	- 2	I***	Yes
McDermott Wash	5017	228	138	- 90	M	Yes
La Plata Comm.	5018	284	202	- 82	M	Yes
Adobe Downs	5019	168	158	- 10	M	Yes
Hartley Springs	5020	277	277	0	C***	Yes
Ruins	5021	1660	1660	0	M	Yes
Aztec Comm.	5030	150	135	- 15	M	---
Potter Canyon	5033	409	378	- 31	I	---
South Hogback	5034	99	99	0	M	---
W. Gonzales Comm.	5035	127	127	0	M	---
North Place	5036	408	280	- 128	C	---
Five Mile Comm.	5040	217	247	+ 30	I	---
Pump Canyon	5041	648	327	- 322	I	Yes
Animas Comm.	5047	679	402	- 277	I	Yes
Little Pump	5048	521	332	- 189	I	Yes
Alamo Canyon	5049	240	279	+ 39	I	Yes
Rattlesnake Canyon	5054	327	182	- 145	I	---
Cemetary Ridge	5067	72	18	54	C	---
E. Armenta	5069	936	440	- 496	M	---
Jaques Canyon Comm.	5070	3821	2500	-1321	I	Yes
Harris Mesa	5071	960	679	- 281	C	---
Angel Peak	5072	6420	4095	-2325	I	Yes
Highway 44	5074	1164	666	- 498	M	Yes
Huerfanito	5075	264	203	- 61	I	---
Petrified Forest	5079	348	292	- 56	M	Yes
Blanco T.P.	5081	797	752	- 45	M	---
Mission	5082	300	221	- 79	I	Yes
Martinez Mesa	5087	392	275	- 109	C	---
Navajo Dam	5089	308	218	- 90	I	---
Manzanares Mesa	5091	528	300	- 228	I	---
Jesus Canyon	5095	1187	960	- 227	I	Yes
Canyon Largo	5106	4365	3200	1165	I	Yes
Delgadito Mesa	5107	1856	1470	- 386	M	---
Carrizo Canyon	5108	4365	3201	1164	M	Yes
South Equs	5111	372	328	44	C	Yes
Ice Canyon	5114	3984	2720	-1264	I	Yes
Superior Mesa	5115	3147	2112	1035	I	---
La Parita	5120	156	145	- 11	M	---
N. Equs	5121	132	89	- 43	M	Yes
Eaglerock	5122	252	252	0	M	Yes
Head Canyon	5126	340	198	142	C	---
Gallegos Canyon	5127	180	55	- 125	C	---
Horn Canyon	5128	84	36	- 48	C	---
Rivershore	5132	48	33	- 15	C	---

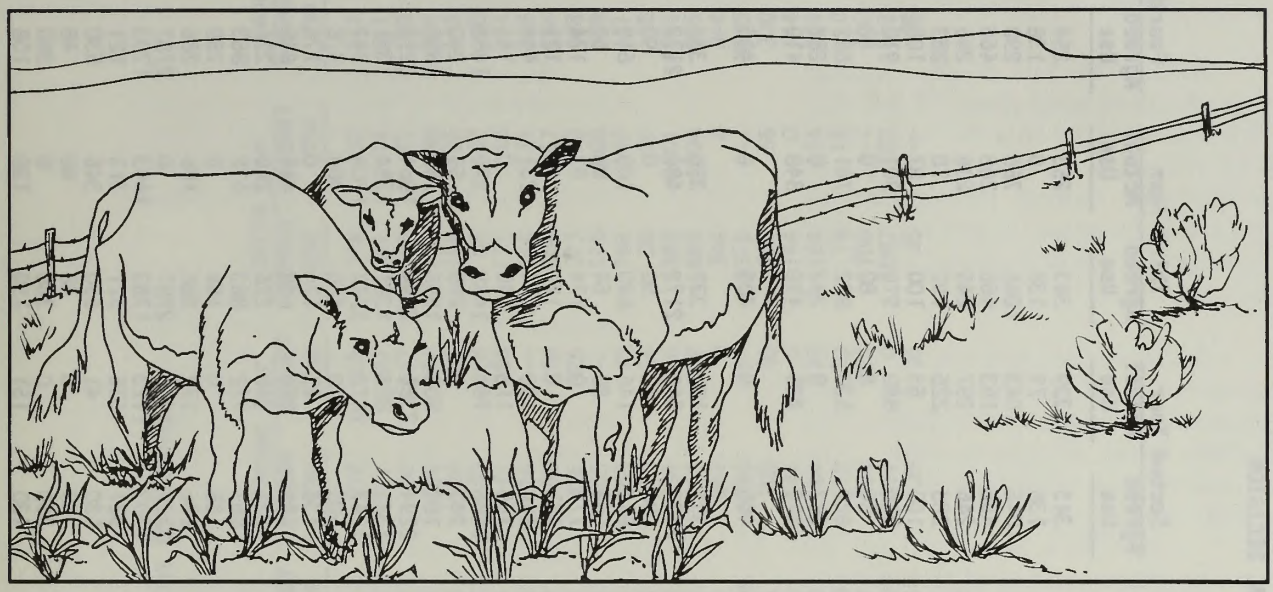
TABLE RPS 2: ALLOTMENT DECISIONS (CONTINUED)

Allotment Name	Allotment Number	Preference AUMs	Active AUMs	Increased Suspense AUMs	Management Category	Developed Grazing System
Chico	5137	144	162	+ 18	M	---
W. Stateline	5138	10	6	- 4	C	---
S. Gonzales	5139	35	28	- 7	M	---
E. Gonzales	5143	42	42	0	C	---
		45,504	31,934	-29.8%(*)		25

(*)Reflects the net amount of suspended AUMs from preference. The active preference shown above was arrived at only after allowing the wildlife AUM allocation listed in Step III of the MFP.

On allotments where no grazing system has been implemented, the one year in three deferment during the critical plant growth periods of 4/1-5/31 and 7/15-9/15 is generally not necessary due to the current season of use not falling within these timeframes. However, on some allotments dominated by annual grasses the grazing operator has not been required to obtain the deferment specified above.

*Combined with Thomas Canyon Allotment.
**Preference reduced due to open pit coal mine.
***Recategorized in 1987. Coyote Hills was recategorized to reflect the increased resource conflicts caused by new coal mining (the La Plata Mine). Hartley Springs was recategorized because of a substantial loss of public land to the La Plata Coal Mine which resulted in the allotment becoming mostly private land with few resource conflicts.



Monitoring/No Decision

The allotments listed in Table RPS-3 have monitoring studies in place, but at this time do not have all of the data collected that are required to issue a grazing decision. Additional data needed include utilization of key plant species, trend in range condition and precipitation.

It is hoped that final grazing decisions can be issued on all of the allotments listed in Table RPS-3 by the end of fiscal year 1989. Following this accomplishment, intensive monitoring will be done only on allotments with management plans. All others will continue to have actual use and range trend data collected.

Range Improvement Projects

An aggressive range improvement program has been implemented in the San Juan Grazing Management area. Listed below are those projects constructed since March 1981 primarily with range betterment funds.

1. Five springs have been developed for livestock and wildlife use on Allotments 5052, 5050, 5056, 5058 and 5095. These springs had no permittee contribution, but maintenance will be performed by the permittees.

2. Three inverted umbrellas have been installed to provide water for wildlife. These umbrellas were constructed and are maintained by the Bureau of Land Management.

3. A slickrock catchment was constructed on the Pump Canyon Allotment 5050. The permittee has maintenance responsibility for this catchment.

4. Treatment of Basin Big Sage with the herbicide tebuthiuron (Spike 20) has been done on the following allotments:

Allot. Number	Name	Acres Treated
5058	Rosa Community	250
5107	Delgadito	100
5102	Four Mile Mesa	100
5114	Ice Canyon AMP	5,000
5095	Jesus Canyon AMP	340
5068	Trujillo Spring	250
5041	Pump Canyon	160
5104	Laguna Seca	60
5116	Gonzales Mesa HMP	560
5055	Pump Mesa	540
5037	Knickerbocker	210
5113	Ensenada Mesa	500
5091	Manzanares Mesa	300
5049	Alamo Canyon	300
5048	Little Pump	425
	Total Acres	**9,095**

TABLE RPS 3: GRAZING ALLOTMENTS WITHOUT A FINAL DECISION

Allot. No.	Allot. Name	Mgmt. Categ.	Pref. AUMs	Average Licensed Use	MFPIII Livestock Allocation	MFPIII Wildlife Allocation	First Year		Second Year		Third Year		Fourth Year	
							Agreed Use	Actual Use	Agreed Use	Actual Use	Agreed Use	Actual Use	Agreed Use	Actual Use
5002	Waterflow Comm.	I	358	283	375	4	343	343	343	339	343	253	254	203
5004	Stevens Arroyo	I	288	214	137	5	138	108	138	79	138	0	138	132
5005	Shumway Arroyo	I	1099	742	956	14	955	928	1046	1043	1046	766	890	888
5009	Cottonwood Arroyo	I	828	505	411	21	466	227	466	153	466	268	466	338
5010	Pinon Mesa	C	251	134	338	10	246	250	246	257	246	236	246	---
5011	Coal Bank Canyon	M	362	146	142	41	283	231	283	225	192	70	283	75
5014	E. Stateline	I	156	76	53	11	100	133	100	53	100	87	100	73
5016	Farmington Glade	I	1012	980	644	38	910	838	910	840	910	901	910	701
5025	Riverside Comm.	C	120	49	82	5	80	42	80	0	80	0	80	0
5026	Lonetree Mtn.	I	1137	777	384	74	882	589	822	530	822	741	882	943
5028*	Crouch Mesa	M	421	293	141	8	282	191	282	0	282	0	282	0
5029	Crawford Mesa	M	748	481	413	8	410	107	410	225	410	348	410	297
5031	E. Bloomfield Comm.	I	558	440	213	4	405	0	405	0	405	0	405	0
5032	W. Bloomgield Comm.	I	456	8	235	4	332	180	332	180	332	350	332	234
5037	Knickerbocker Peak	I	2172	940	2135	21	2172	574	2172	569	2172	484	2172	537
5038	Blanquito	M	96	43	66	1	90	39	90	12	90	0	90	0
5039	N. Blanco Comm.	I	961	437	494	14	640	---	640	146	640	100	640	---
5044	Archuleta Comm.	I	60	55	108	5	64	68	64	80	64	NU	64	---
5045	Hart Canyon	I	175	88	213	7	174	99	174	0	174	93	174	96
5046	Hart Mtn.	I	192	120	81	10	121	0	121	0	121	0	121	0
5050	Sandstone Cnyn.	C	635	385	682	21	444	287	444	190	444	231	444	231
5051	Cutter Dam	M	246	122	61	6	145	132	145	118	145	0	145	169
5052	Tank Mtn.	I	1632	1227	1358	46	1488	846	1488	784	1488	270	1488	293
5053	Mt. Nebo	I	320	164	109	25	240	31	240	0	240	59	240	0
5055	Pump Mesa	I	2690	1575	1318	436	1895	401	1895	506	1895	788	1895	---
5056	Middle Mesa	I	1692	1558	1692	530	2294	1658	2294	2386	2294	1984	2294	1379
5058*	Rosa Comm.	I	1381	1150	1381	1039	1381	1011	1381	856	1381	1284	1381	1132
5059	Frances Mesa	I	1704	1165	812	300	1247	1554	1247	2472	1247	1704	1247	---
5060	Manual Canyon	M	804	586	555	16	478	437	505	470	478	368	478	---
5061	Manual Mesa	M	216	186	146	13	174	114	134	27	174	0	174	---
5062	Frances Canyon	I	688	363	467	34	648	378	648	350	648	419	648	---
5063	LaBoca Canyon	C	244	53	90	16	226	240	226	240	226	240	226	240
5064	Sims Mesa	I	951	761	564	27	863	490	863	432	863	432	863	432
5065	Lopez Canyon	C	204	96	108	3	158	69	158	0	158	0	158	---
5068	Trujillo Spring	I	396	201	226	9	286	134	286	172	286	106	286	187
5076	Dufer's Point	I	3312	1709	1559	22	2787	2405	2787	1478	2787	0	2787	0
5077	Huerfano	M	1805	383	826	8	1703	1514	1703	1123	1703	1443	1703	1345
5080	Sweetwater	I	684	320	231	7	521	372	521	536	521	313	521	267
5084	Sheepwell	I	648	116	306	7	530		530	41	530	346	530	388
5085	Nageezi	M	78	82	50	0	48	85	48	0	48	NU	48	NU
5088	Baltzar Peak	I	540	259	233	14	360	252	360	0	360	0	360	90
5090	Cool Water Cnyn.	C	132	75	65	5	108	108	130	151	130	130	108	130

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							Agreed Use	Actual Use	Agreed Use	Actual Use	Agreed Use	Actual Use	Agreed Use	Actual Use
5092	Navajo City	I	660	273	425	14	374	300	374	306	374	337	347	---
5093	Jaramillo Comm.	I	1152	1046	953	85	761	665	761	497	761	614	761	682
5096	Jesus Mesa	I	336	199	103	10	100	90	100	117	100	49	100	---
5097	Gobernador Cnyn.	I	804	442	138	14	306	132	306	167	306	NU	306	---
5098	Devils Spring	I	252	217	136	22	185	132	158	158	158	158	185	158
5099	Four Mile Cnyn.	M	96	49	44	7	60	112	60	68	60	107	60	74
5100	Highway 64	C	230	273	157	10	171	124	171	253	171	68	171	---
5102	Four Mile Mesa	M	168	179	145	10	246	98	246	---	246	174	246	173
5104	Laguna Seca	M	292	214	170	43	256	252	256	256	256	157	256	---
5105	Tucker Ridge	M	430	117	300	66	275	165	326	225	377	170	428	---
5109	Munoz Canyon	I	716	397	418	25	585	544	555	---	555	108	588	---
5110	Otis	C	55	13	180	4	171	85	168	78	168	140	171	89
5112	S. Gonzales	C	35	35	42	8	35	30	35	24	35	20	35	20
5113	Ensenada Mesa	M	4385	1662	2563	260	3024	2215	4234	2016	4385	1001	4385	2631
5116	Gonzales Mesa	I	1095	954	597	102	895	816	895	852	895	1004	895	---
5117	Carter Mesa	M	336	130	332	31	344	130	344	0	344	0	344	0
5119	Rancho Largo	M	11,185	6993	4878	219	6057	5099	6395	**	8319	---	3735	---
5124	Gallo	M	300	74	89	0	300	55	300	30	300	55	300	---
5130	Santa Nino	C	144	83	79	7	0	0	144	0	144	0	144	0
5131	Bonito	M	168	17	137	2	164	0	164	173	164	154	164	160
5133	Jewett Valley	C	18	12	1	2	18	0	18	13	18	16	18	12
5135	La Jara	M	764	349	290	22	700	264	700	264	700	---	700	264
5140	Flora Vista	I	1605	588	860	19	1116	0	1097	0	1097	982	1097	---
5144	Gonzales R.T.	C	35	35	42	8	35	35	35	35	35	---	35	---

*MFP III Wild Horse Allocation = 240 AUMs. This is the only allotment where wild horses are found.
**Actual use unavailable.
NU Allotment in non-use.
--- Where no entry exists, actual use is not due at time of this writing.

Sagebrush kill on the treated areas has averaged about 95 percent. This has resulted in a three- to four-fold increase in perennial grass production. Overall contribution by grazing permittees toward the cost of these projects has averaged about 35 percent.

5. Two miles of fence have been constructed by the permittee with materials provided by the BLM on the Dufer's Point Allotment 5076. The permittee has maintenance responsibility for this fence.

6. Eight miles of fences have been built by permittees with BLM materials to provide for deferment from livestock grazing during critical plant growth periods one year out of every three on the Canyon Largo Allotment 5106 and Huerfano Allotment 5077. The permittees have maintenance responsibility for these fences.

7. One well has been completed and equipped. A six mile pipeline has been constructed from this well on the Superior Mesa Allotment 5115. The BLM funded this project. The permittee supplied the pumping equipment and has maintenance responsibility.

8. One earthen dam for the purpose of erosion control was constructed on the Waterflow Community Allotment 5002. This project was funded entirely by the BLM with maintenance performed by the permittee.

9. Two greasewood chaining projects for a total of 400 acres were completed on the Ensenada Mesa Allotment 5113. The BLM provided the anchor chain and archaeological clearance for this project. Equipment and labor to conduct the chaining was provided by the permittee.

10. One parabolic (FiberErector) water catchment was installed on the Angel Peak allotment (5072) for antelope.

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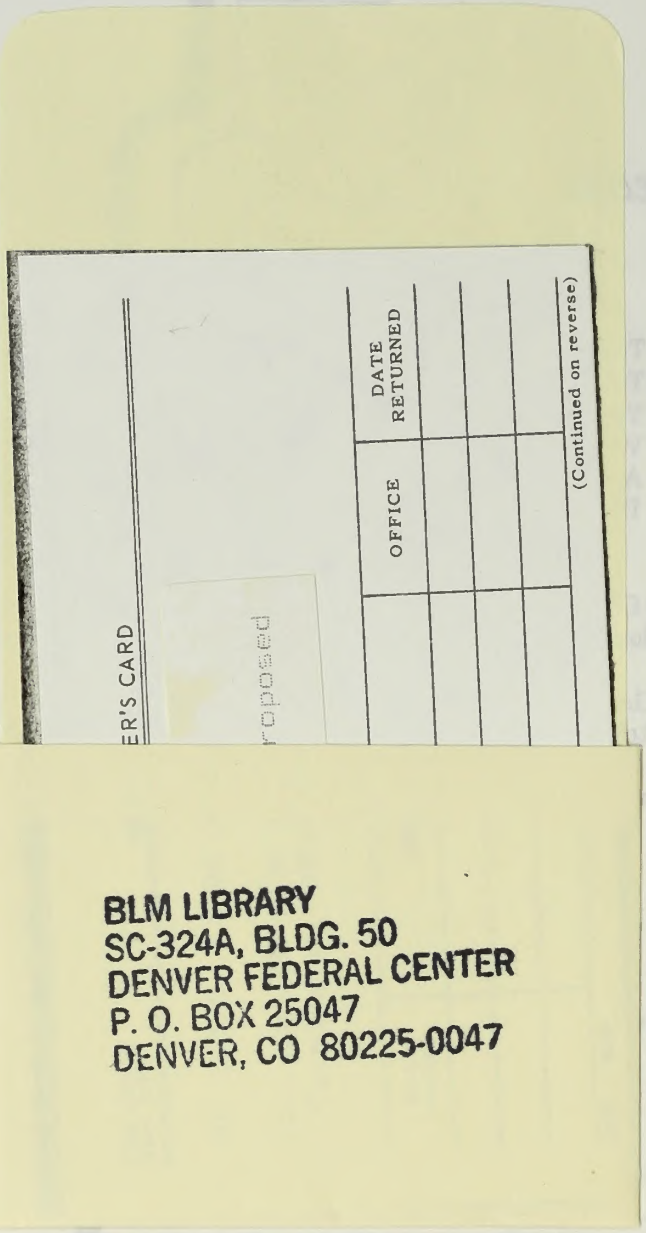

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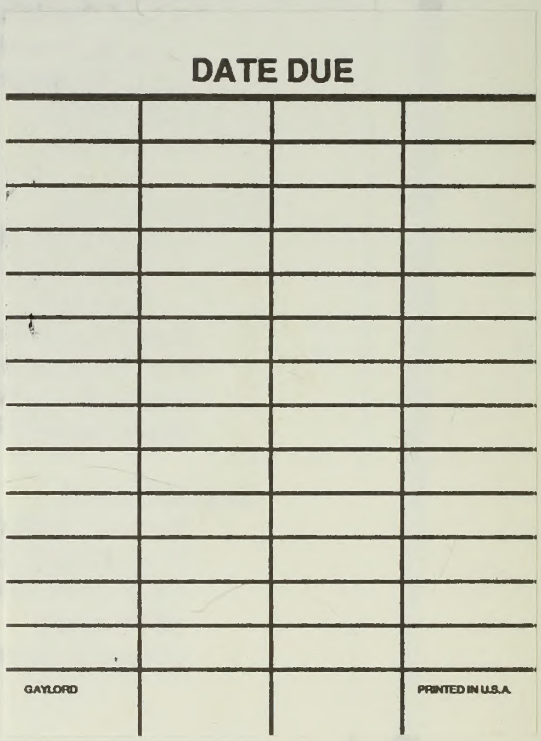

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